

The Friends of Las Vegas
Metropolitan Police Department



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Dear Friends:

Fiscal 2005 has been a year of progress for the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation. As the Las Vegas community has grown, so have the needs of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Population growth has totally overshadowed the Department's efforts to place a sufficient number of police officers on the streets. While Sheriff Young has focused on hiring more police officers, the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation has quietly sought to fulfill the Department's other needs for property, funds, training resources, and support not otherwise covered in the regular budget. Our objective is to help the Department accomplish their critical mission, which is to protect people, their property, and their rights, while providing the best public safety and services.

In the past few years we have paid nearly \$20,000 to send Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Officers to Homicide and SWAT Seminars. Nearly \$20,000 has been donated to our youth Explorer Program, and the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation has provided nearly \$10,000 to the "Every 15 Minutes" program, an effective, proactive High School Anti-Drinking and Driving Program. This year, more than \$3,000 was used to pay the expenses of


LVMPD officers who traveled to New Orleans to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief.

As we look towards the future, we foresee some exciting new developments. In the past the Foundation has not aggressively solicited funding, however; as the law enforcement needs of the community have increased, the Board has decided to take a more proactive stance. Beginning in 2006, we will invite more community businesses, leaders and private citizens to join us as we work to support the mission of the Police Department. We will also seek funding from foundation grants to address specific Clark County public safety issues. In addition, we have recently sought to extend our reach and increase our accessibility by posting an official Friends of Metro Foundation website. We invite you to visit us there at: www.lvmpdfoundation.org.

Living in Southern Nevada is exciting. No other city in America is as vigorous and vibrant as Las Vegas. The Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation is dedicated to helping our devoted officers make this community the safest and friendliest place in the world.

With your help, I trust we will.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Doug Gillespie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas C. Gillespie Chairman,

Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation is to enhance public safety by supporting the endeavors of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

HISTORY

The Foundation was established by a group of officers and private citizens in June of 1999 to help address deficiencies and shortfalls in the Department's regular budget. The Foundation does this by providing equipment, funds, training, and support to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. The Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

PURPOSE

The Foundation serves as a bridge between the police and the community. Our objective is to work with both the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the community in order to help the Department accomplish their critical mission, which is to protect people, their property, and their rights, while providing the best public safety and law enforcement services possible.



2005 HIGHLIGHTS

In the past year, the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation has helped Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officers address numerous community safety issues, obtain valuable training and aid other communities in need. For instance, the foundation sent Police Officers to Homicide and SWAT Seminars to increase their capacity to protect Clark County citizens and reduce the prevalence of death, injury and property destruction during emergency incidents. The Foundation donated funds to assist the youth Explorer Program. We sponsored and helped fund the Every 15 Minutes program to teach high school students the harsh realities of drinking and driving. The Foundation also provided funding to help pay the expenses of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Officers who traveled to New Orleans to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief.



DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation is fortunate to be led by a small but talented board of directors. All foundation duties are currently performed on a voluntary basis by these busy and dedicated individuals. As the law enforcement needs of the community grow, the board of directors is looking for additional board members concerned about the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the citizens it serves.

The Foundation board consists of:

Douglas C. Gillespie President/Director
Paul C. Page Treasurer/Director
Tracy Lang Secretary/Director
Sig Rogich Director
George P. Kelesis Director
Andrew M. Anderson Director

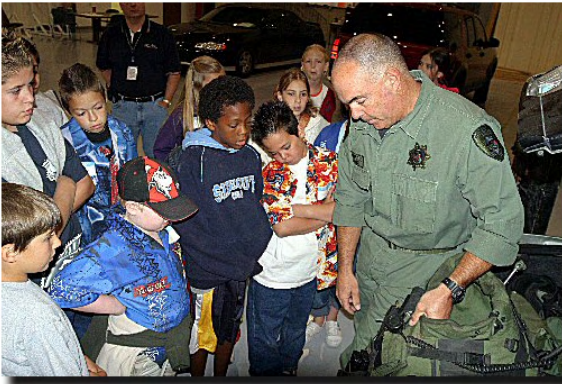


PREVIOUS PROJECTS

The Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Foundation seeks to assist the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department whenever possible. In the past three 3 years, the Foundation has funded the following projects and activities:

- Purchased tee shirts and insurance, and provided catering for the participants in the Brass Challenge Race.
- Provided 128 smocks for the LVMPD fingerprint bureau.
- Provided training for three LVMPD employees at UNLV's class entitled Beyond Lean - Six Sigma and the Balanced Scorecard.
- Coordinated financial transactions for at least two Homicide Schools in Las Vegas.
- Coordinated financial transactions for the SWAT section to host a national SWAT training class.
- Coordinated financial transactions for the SWAT national NTOA conference held in Las Vegas in September 2005.
- Provided over 100 dinners to needy families in Las Vegas, Laughlin, and Overton areas through S.P.I.N. (Serving People in Need).

- Purchased a scanner for the LVMPD fingerprint section.
- Provided the airfare, hotel, per diem and transportation for four LVMPD Honor Guard members to attend the National Law Enforcement Memorial Week held in Washington D.C.
- Provided airfare, hotel, per diem, and transportation for Lt. and Officer to attend the National Association of Police Organizations conference.
- Paid for painting of North East Area Command facilities.
- Partially funded training seminar on the Forensic Recovery of Buried Bodies for the LVMPD Homicide Bureau .
- Provided funding to aid the LVMPD Traffic Section in hosting the Southwest Police Motorcycle competition.
- Donated double-sided Challenge coins.





FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation receives donations from businesses and individuals to be used to advance the mission of LVMPD. In 2005, the organization received donations of nearly \$30,000 and made contributions of nearly \$20,000.00 to police equipment, activities and training. Other requests are currently pending.

Outside Donations Received

Received by	Amount
Siegfried & Roy	\$10,000.00
United Way	\$493.00
Energy Work	\$500.00
Sams Club	\$1,000.00
Police Protective Association	\$1,000.00
Walmart	\$1,000.00
The Jewelers	\$8,000.00
Sheriff Bill Young	\$1,000.00
Police and Fire Emerald Society of NV, Inc.	\$1,000.00
PMSA Donation	\$500.00
Vista Management	\$5,000.00
Total	\$29,493.00

Expenditures to Advance Local Law Enforcement

Description	Amount
Fingerprint Smocks	\$2,808.00
Traffic Training Conference	\$1,125.00
Vice Conference	\$2,000.00
K-9 Unit	\$8,000.00
Gang Conference	\$1,500.00
Traffic Reunion	\$500.00
NYC Bike Trip (4 officers)	\$1,981.38
Intelligence Training	\$200.00
Golf ball logos	\$455.76
Total	\$18,570.14

FOUNDATION WEB SITE

In 2005, the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation launched a website to disseminate information about the organization, recognize those who assist us, and solicit contributions to improve the quality of law enforcement services in Southern Nevada. The website may be found at: lvmpdfoundation.org.

Home



Welcome to the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Foundation website

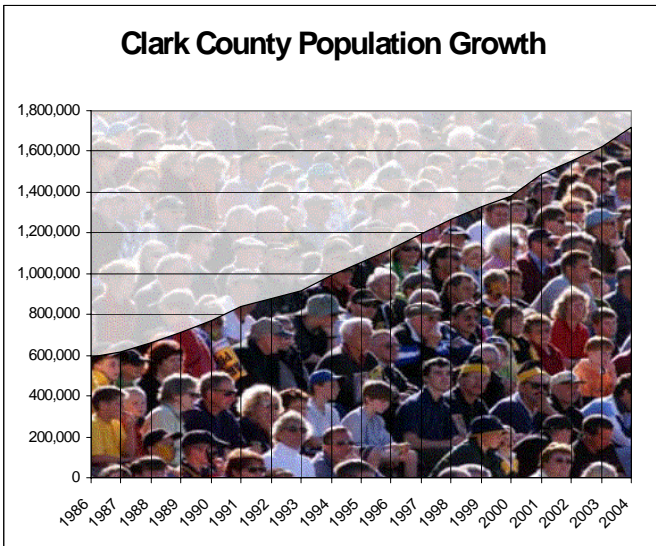
Supporters of the best Police Department in the most exciting city in the world, Las Vegas, Nevada.





**CLARK COUNTY WILL CONTINUE
UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH**

Las Vegas Nevada has been one of the fastest growing U.S. cities for more than a decade. In less than 20 years the population has nearly tripled from 587,760 to 1,715,337, and growth is projected to continue at a similar pace through 2020. The ballooning population has challenged the Department's ability to hire, train and outfit police officers.



THE NEED FOR OFFICERS WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE

In 2004, Police Departments throughout the United States fielded an average of 3.8 officers per 1,000 residents. In Las Vegas, that number is currently 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents. Our swelling population and relatively static budgets have not allowed the Department to keep pace with population in Southern Nevada.

Number of Officers per 1,000 Inhabitants in the U.S.

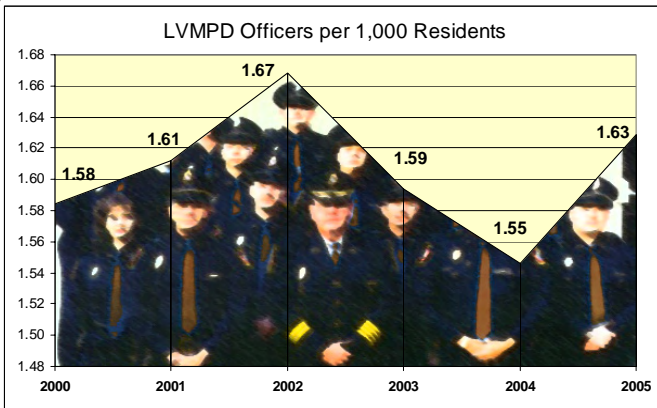
Region	Cities	Population	Average number of officers per 1,000 inhabitants
New England	767	12,575,681	4.6
Middle Atlantic	1,530	30,228,151	6.1
East North Central	2,021	30,785,159	4.5
West North Central	1,222	12,827,343	3.4
South Atlantic	1,740	22,271,779	4.4
East South Central	941	9,130,741	3.1
West South Central	1,267	22,437,128	2.7
Mountain	578	13,946,410	2.5
Pacific	756	31,724,279	2.6
TOTAL	10,822	185,926,671	3.8

Source: Dept of Justice, Uniform Crime Report, 2004
69 cities had populations of 250,000 or more.

In 2005, Clark County voters approved a quarter percent sales tax increase to specifically be used to hire new officers; however, it is earmarked strictly for salaries. Other costs for training, equipment, transportation and associated expenses necessary to deploy these new officers must be squeezed from the regular budget or sought from nontraditional sources such as the Foundation.

THE CHALLENGE

Las Vegas faces some extraordinary challenges in trying to address the needs of a police force that is too small for a population growing so fast. To help address these needs, the Friends of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Foundation plans to aggressively seek assistance from businesses, private foundations and citizens to insure that the law enforcement needs of the community are met.



YOUR INVOLVEMENT



The Foundation offers many opportunities for civic minded individuals and businesses to become directly involved in safety and quality of life issues in our community. If you would like to volunteer your time, talents or resources to help make Las Vegas and Clark County a safer and more law abiding community, we would be pleased to hear from you. If you wish, you can designate which areas of need your financial contribution will serve. All donations are tax deductible and all volunteer activities come with the satisfaction of time well spent. Please contact our Chairman or any Board member at the address or phone number listed in the front of this report for additional information.

